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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

Once More, The Soil.

The first command ever given by God to man was before man appeared upon the earth and had reference to the soil.

When it pleased him in the process of creation, to separate the water from the dry land, he said: "Now let the dry land bring forth grass." Why did God so command? Because God knew it would be best for man to do so. God knew that grass from its very nature would grow without labor, and would hold the earth from washing and produce feed for other animals cheaper and with less labor than any other crop that could be cultivated. Now let's analyze what followed in Adam's family as they proceeded. Let us try to realize that human nature is the same today as in the beginning. Adam had two sons the first round, Cain and Able. Cain proceeded to grow vegetables, corn, wheat, cotton etc. He of course returned nothing to the soil and after while just as it does now his crops began to fall short. On the other hand Abel did what the Lord commanded. He let the Lord bring forth grass and like Abraham did in the 13th. chapter of Genesis put some nice cattle to grasing on the grass and it put silver and gold into his pocket. Then what happened Cain had exhausted his soil and when the Lord called upon them for a sacrifice. Cain had nothing acceptable to offer and through malice and his own bad management and envy slew his brother. Why all this; Simply because Abel obeyed the Lord and received the blessing. He let the grass grow, he put the cattle, sheep and poultry to grazing it and returned the manure to his sod crop which in turn gave more feed to feed more cattle to sell for more money which made him rich. Now this is the very first lesson in the history of the human family of successful farming, and grass and sheep and cattle did the work.

Go where you may, and in whatever age of human history and you will find the same toil, rich soil, rich people and vice versa, poor soil poor people. Now if this be true we should investigate and hunt for the cause. Well, let us look around for the cause. And you will not go far until you will find that in a country where the farmers grow and sell cultivated crops, you will see bare lands, lands washing away, lands growing poorer and still poorer every year. And where you see the soil washing away and becoming poorer every year, you will see the people growing poorer along with this soil poverty. On the other hand as you investigate you will find that where a farmer is planting legume and grass sods and keeping cattle, sheep, poultry etc., and returning the manure to his sod crops. His soil is growing richer every year. His flocks are enlarging and he is growing richer every year. This is written from personal observation for the last sixty years and will hold good for any section of country. Of course some counties are better adapted to growing livestock than others. In a general way—where you have good clay, good water and plenty of it, plenty of rain

throughout the year, plenty of good hot sunshine and mild climate, you have good conditions for growing livestock. Now back to the soil. You must have rich soil or stay poor. To have rich soil you must have something on that soil that will hold it from washing or leaching out. And you must put something in to that soil one year after another more than you take out in order to maintain fertility. So farming in Piedmont Carolina, means to be successful, a soil building process, and it cannot be done by growing and selling crops from the farm; but can be done by the use of live legumes and livestock. Use lime to keep the soil sweet, grow legumes to enrich the soil, and grow livestock through which to convert all crops into manure to be returned to other crops "Ad infinitum" which will make the soil rich and in process of time will make anyone rich who will make the application; because it is a law of God.

Let's Sow North Carolina Grown Seed Wheat This Fall.

In spite of the unfavorable season considerable good seed wheat has been saved in the state. The grain is not as large and plump as in normal years but the dry spring was very favorable to the harvesting of seed free from weather damage. Most of the samples sent in to the state experiment station this summer have been free from onions and have given a high germination.

LOCALLY GROWN SEED ARE BEST. The state experiment station has studied the seed wheat problems thoroughly and finds that home grown or locally grown seed wheat yields best. In a comparison of home grown seed wheat with the same varieties of northern grown seed wheat twenty-three varieties were used during three years. The tests were made at Statesville, N. C. At the end of three years the locally grown seed had yielded an average of 16.5 bushels per acre and the northern grown seed had yielded only 12.7 bushels per acre. The seed of the same varieties saved at Statesville yielded 3.8 bushels per acre more than the northern grown seed.

The Division of Agronomy of the North Carolina Experiment Station, State College Station, Raleigh, has made a list of wheat growers who have seed wheat for sale. If you will need seed this fall write for this list. Address R. Y. Winters, West Raleigh, N. C.

J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

Tibet's Sacred Mountain.
Inland, 40 days' march from the last British outpost of the Irrawaddy, lies the Mecca of the worshippers of Buddha, the sacred mountain of eastern Tibet. Toward this shrine of the great Chinese god travel each year thousands of pilgrims, dirty, ill-kempt, ignorant and cheerful, writes F. Kingdon Ward, in the Wide World magazine. The season for pilgrimages to the mountain begins in October and ends in February, these months being the best suited for travel in mountainous Tibet.

New Use for Wood Pulp Waste.
By carrying a step further the process of recovering sulphite spirit from the waste of wood pulp factories, by the waste of wood pulp factories, by evaporation, it has been discovered that a new and valuable fuel may be produced, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The process precipitates the organic contents of the lye in the form of powdered coal.

Sunday School Convention.

The opening session of the Polk county Sunday school convention will be held in the Congregational church, Tryon, Saturday night, September 17th, at 8:00 o'clock. The convention will continue through Sunday, there being three sessions on that day, morning, afternoon and night.

The Sunday school leaders of the county consider themselves very fortunate in having secured D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school as-



MR. D. W. SIMS, Raleigh, N. C., General Supt. N. C. Sunday School Association.

sociation, as one of the speakers. Under Mr. Sims direction the association is doing progressive Sunday school work. Before taking up the work in North Carolina D. W. Sims served for five years as general superintendent of the Georgia Sunday school association. D. W. Sims not only knows the organized Sunday school work, but he has also had practical experience as Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He was superintendent of a Sunday school in Richmond which increased in membership from 951 to 2,072 in less than three years time. He is noted for the practicality of his addresses delivered in such a humorous, interesting and instructive way. His first lecture in Tryon will be "On doubling the Sunday school attendance" which is of interest to all Sunday school teachers as well as superintendents and other officers. In connection with his Sunday school work D. W. Sims has traveled in thirteen foreign countries, one of which was Pal-



MISS FLORA DAVIS Raleigh, N. C., Asst. Supt. N. C. Sunday School Association.

time, and last fall he took a trip to the Orient including China, Korea and Japan in his travels. Miss Flora Davis, assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday school association will also be one of the speakers. Miss Davis knows the Sunday school work and her addresses on methods of work are said to be very helpful and delivered in a very attractive man-

ner. Miss Davis was one of the official delegates to the World's Sunday school convention in Tokyo, Japan, last October, and was also one of the speakers at the convention, that time she took an extensive tour in China and Korea as well as visiting many of the principal cities of Japan. She has recently taken up the work in this state and comes to North Carolina from Georgia where she has done similar work for the past nine years. The Sunday school leaders feel that a very competent assistant has been secured in Miss Davis.

The meeting is arranged under the auspices of the North Carolina Sunday school association which is the only organization in the state which aims to help all departments of every Sunday school in the state. The association stands for those interests common to Sunday school workers of all denominations. It is a systematic effort of workers from the various denominations to create public sentiment in favor of more and better denominational Sunday schools. Leaders in thought in the various denominations help in this work.

The following local committee has in charge the arrangements for the convention:

Prof. D. W. Simmons, superintendent Episcopal Sunday school, Tryon. S. E. Sloan, superintendent Baptist Sunday school, Tryon. Nelson Jackson, Jr., superintendent Congregational Sunday school, Tryon. P. G. Morris, superintendent Methodist Sunday school, Tryon.

The program for the four sessions of the convention follows:

- FIRST SESSION, SATURDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 17.
- 8:00 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. H. N. Bowne.
 - 8:15 The Adults in the Sunday School by Miss Flora Davis.
 - 8:45 Song
 - 8:50 Doubling the Sunday school Attendance by Mr. D. W. Sims.
 - 9:30 Adjourn.
- SECOND SESSION, SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 17
- 10:30 Period of worship. Led by Rev. W. A. Black.
 - 10:45 Four essentials of a graded Sunday school, by Miss Flora Davis.
 - 11:15 Song.
 - 11:20 Record of attendance.
 - 11:35 Our purpose and our task. By D. W. Sims.
 - 12:05 Miscellaneous business.

- 1. Offering for support of the North Carolina Sunday school association.
 - 2. Announcements.
- 12:20 Adjourn
- Out of town visitors will be guests in the homes of Tryon for dinner.

- THIRD SESSION, SUNDAY AFTERNOON.
- 3:00 Period of worship. Led by Rev. J. W. Jack.
 - 3:15 Practical points for increasing Sunday school efficiency. By D. W. Sims.
 - 3:40 Record of attendance.
 - 3:55 Story telling. By Miss Flora Davis.
 - 4:25 Problem solving period. Conducted by D. W. Sims.
 - 5:00 Adjourn.

- FOURTH SESSION, SUNDAY NIGHT
- 8:00 Period of worship. Led by Rev. J. O. Cox.
 - 8:15 Attractive teaching methods. By Miss Flora Davis.
 - 8:45 Song.
 - 8:50 The weak link in the Sunday school by D. W. Sims.
 - 9:30 Adjourn.

Much in Little. The brief style is that which expresses much in little.—Ben Jonson.

The Board of Trade.

Tryon now has a live wire, hard working Board of Trade. If you do not believe it just attend some of our meetings and see for yourself. Every member is working hard for the advancement of our town and country—and they should.

If you are a red-blooded citizen and want to see Tryon and Polk county grow, we ask you to give your name to either member of the membership committee, or any member of the organization, and help us in the upbuilding and advancement of Tryon and Polk county.

"Harmony, Cooperation and Progress," might be the motto of our Board of Trade, as we have never seen an organization where there was more harmony or where the spirit of cooperation was stronger than in this one, when you know what kind of men are at the head of it, you will know there will be progress.

The officers are: E. E. Missildine, president; B. L. Balleneger, vice president; M. G. Blake, secretary-treasurer. The membership committee is composed of W. Y. Wilkins and C. Bush, either of whom will be glad to enroll you as a member. The Farmers Committee is composed of C. W. Morgan, W. H. Stearns and C. Bush.

Every citizen of Tryon who wants to see a bigger and better Tryon and Polk county are earnestly requested to join and help us in our work. Surely you think enough of the town in which you live to affiliate yourself with an organization such as this, that is working for you and your interests, and contribute the small sum of \$10 per year to help defray the expense.

The Board of Trade needs you and you need it. If you have the interest of yourself and your home at heart send your name and application to the membership committee or to M. G. Blake, secretary. We need and want your help and cooperation.

Advertising

The average buyer would do well to look with care at the offerings of the merchant who does not advertise. No matter what claims that merchant may make concerning the facilities at his command for cutting profit to a point where the patron is the beneficiary, it is evident that he has not utilized the one biggest factor available in accomplishing that purpose.

Unless he advertises consistently, it is reasonable to assume that the merchant is not "turning over" his stock as many times a year as he should. And fewer "turn overs" of merchandise mean higher prices for the consumer. He cannot escape them.

Unless the merchant is taking advantage of every element to derive the fullest returns from his investment in floor space, heat, light, sales forces and service departments, he is compelled to boost the figures on his price tags in order to "come out" successfully on his net profits.

The persuasive appeal of intelligent, truthful advertising, persistently applied, is the only thing that really can bring the volume of sales to a peak that will permit the reduction of profit on individual items.

When you buy advertised goods you have the satisfaction of knowing that the dealer who sells them does so with a confident belief in their merit.

It is natural that the lavishing

of wide publicity on any product should tend to elevate the quality of that product. The manufacturer, through advertising, creates a demand for the article or articles he make. If he expects to hold the market resulting from that demand he must make a worthy product. The volume of his production built up by the constantly growing market, due to advertising, lowers manufacturing costs and enables both the manufacturer and the retailer to take a minimum profit on their sales.

The alert retailer cashes in on the reputation established by honorable manufacturers and sticks with their goods. He knows it will hold his own trade and result in quick "turn overs."

The advertising columns of the newspapers sketch briefly and attractively the buying opportunities of the day. They lead the consumer to the centers of reliable dealers from whom he may expect square dealings and dollar-for-dollar values. They constitute an authentic guide to the legitimate stores in every community.

Because this is true it will pay you to read the advertisements closely and constantly. Compare values and make the most of your expenditures.

You'll save hours in time and dollars in money by knowing what you want, where to get it and, how much it will cost.

A Gloomy Prospect

A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave.

A man who "cusses" the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give affairs is making the shroud.

The man who does not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprises throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is always howling hard times preaches the funeral and sings the doxology. And thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care.

Why Not a "Confidence Week?"

Today this country is like a man who has finally recovered from a long spell of sickness but who does not realize that he has recovered. He is pretty nearly alright in all but thinking so.

We've had all kinds of nonsensical uplift "week"—only graft for time-wasters. What our country needs now is a Confidence Week! A real, wholesome, straight-from-the-shoulder conviction that everything is O. K. once more will start a wave of confidence and carry the country to success. Confidence will cure the sick man on his feet. But where is the big leader to personify confidence, to start the wave of national confidence.

The prosperity of your town depends upon the prosperity of the individuals. Do your part.

No man or community that does not look into the future and see visions, will ever realize any high ambition or undertake any high enterprise.

A love of fair play and common sense is the typical American trait—therefore we have faith in the institution known as the United States.

Largest Forest is in Canada. Canada has the largest forest in the world. It is in the Labrador and Hudson Bay district, and is, roughly, 1,000 by 1,700 miles.